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Subject:

Serial No. 10/734,422 12/12/03

Jeiwei Chang et al.

CPP HEAD WITH PARASITIC SHUNTING

REDUCTION

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Co-pending U.S. Patent HTIRC-02-014, "Method of Adjusting CoFe Free Layer Magnetostriction," to M. Li et al., Serial No. 10/718,373, filed 11/20/03, discusses the general field of CPP GMR read heads.

- U.S. Patent 6,496,334 to Pang et al., "Data Storage and Retrieval Apparatus with Thin Film Read Head having Planarized Extra Gap and Shield Layers and Method of Fabrication Thereof," describes using IBE in etching the CPP stack.
- U.S. Patent 6,294,101 to Silverbrook, "Method of Manufacture of a Thermoelastic Bend Actuator Ink Jet Printer," discloses IBE rotation during etching.
- U.S. Patent 5,627,704 to Lederman et al., "Thin Film Giant Magnetoresistive CPP Transducer with Flux Guide Yoke Structure," discusses a giant magnetoresistive (GMR) thin film transducer which employs a pair of flux guide pole members that define a magnetic transducing gap.
- U.S. Patent 5,668,688 to Dykes et al., "Current Perpendicular-to-the-plane Spin Valve Type Magnetoresistive Transducer," discusses a current perpendicular-to-the-plane (CPP) spin valve device design.

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